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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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January 15, 2022

Mr. Clifford Moy  
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20612 (647 16th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on January 13th, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the request for the owners of 647 16th Street, NE. Specifically, the applicant seeks special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from The lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone.

The applicant owns an adjoining property to 647 16th Street, NE, and as shown in the attached photographs, the owner has allowed the properties to become trash-filled eyesores. Both properties have inadequate fencing and maintenance, which visually intrudes upon the character of the neighborhood, as shown in the attached photographs. Compounding these issues, the applicant failed to participate in the ANC review process, twice committing to attend zoning subcommittee meetings to review the project, and then failing to attend. This resulted in questions and comments about the project not being able to be addressed. Because of the poor condition of the other property, the applicant's failure to participate in the ANC process forced us to assume the existing problems with these properties will continue. ANC 6A asks that the Board of Zoning Adjustment afford great weight to the opposition of our community to the request for relief, and reject the applicant's request for zoning relief.

Please be advised that Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert, Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at [6A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A04@anc.dc.gov), Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert at [6A07@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A07@anc.dc.gov), and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at [brad.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:brad.greenfield@gmail.com).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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